



Fig. 1, *Isthmiade perpulchra*, n. sp.

Holotype.—Female (United States National Museum) from Barro Colorado Island, Canal Zone, June 1939 (J. Zetek) and one paratype female (Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University) from the same locality, September 1, 1924 (N. Banks).

Discussion.—This species differs at once from all of the other known *Isthmiade* by the yellowish pronotum and the black-tipped lemon yellow elytra and much of the ventral surface. The black tips of the elytra and the post-median black band on the femora coincide with the transverse band on the wings, which are otherwise yellow except for the black apices.

It is not yet clear whether or not the species of *Isthmiade* have specific models among the Braconidae but this is suggested by the striking differences in coloration which they exhibit. Thus *I. braconides* (Perty) is black above, reddish beneath; *I. ichneumoniformis* Bates is black with the elytra testaceous yellow and the sides of the thorax and the abdomen, except apex, red; *I. modesta* Gounelle is black with the elytra pale brownish-testaceous and the disk of the pronotum (usually) and basal abdominal segments red; *I. rubra* Bates reddish with the elytra and wings pale brownish, the latter banded with brown; and *I. macilenta* Bates is rufo-castaneous with the elytra paler.

**DESIGNATION OF A LECTOTYPE FOR AMYRSIDEA MEGALOSOMA
(OVERGAARD, 1943)**

(MALLOPHAGA: MENOPONIDAE)

Overgaard in 1943 (Ent. Medd., 23:1-17) described *Menopon megalosomum* from material collected off *Perdix perdix* (Linnaeus) and *Phasianus colchicus* Linnaeus. He did not designate a type or holo-

type from the several series of specimens examined. Since the species of *Amyrsidea* found on these two hosts are not conspecific, the selection of a lectotype is required to fix the name and type host. Through the courtesy of Dr. S. L. Tuxen, a series of syntypes from each host was examined. Figures 5 and 6a-c, as published by Overgaard, agree with syntypes collected off *Phasianus colchicus* Linnaeus. A male with collection data: Fasankylling (*Phasianus colchicus*), Skaetskor (Denmark), 25-6-1937, is designated lectotype. The lectotype male and two syntype females have been mounted and returned to Dr. Tuxen. A syntype male and a syntype female from the same series have been retained by the author. All other syntypes, still in alcohol, are in the Universitetets Zoologiske Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark.

The species has very long slender parameres and endomeres of the male genitalia, as illustrated by Overgaard. The genitalia of *A. perdicis* (Denny, 1842), found on *Perdix perdix* (Linnaeus), are also of the same type. *A. megalosoma* is much larger, in both sexes, than *A. perdicis*.

The U. S. National Museum and the author have specimens, which appear to be conspecific with *A. megalosoma*, as follows: Ring-necked Pheasant, *Phasianus colchicus* Linnaeus, from Illinois, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and New Jersey; Sharp-tailed Grouse, *Pediocetes phasianellus* (Linnaeus), from Wisconsin and Minnesota; Greater Prairie Chicken, *Tympanuchus cupido* (Linnaeus), from Wisconsin; and Ruffed Grouse, *Bonasa umbellus* (Linnaeus), from New York.

These records indicate the parasite is now established on native gallinaceous birds in at least part of the established range of the Ring-necked Pheasant.

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